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Sir:

In connection with the Office Action dated January 30, 2004 in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension in which to file a response, from April 30, 2004 to June 30, 2004. This Petition is being filed to allow a continuation patent application to be timely filed which claims priority to the above-identified patent application.

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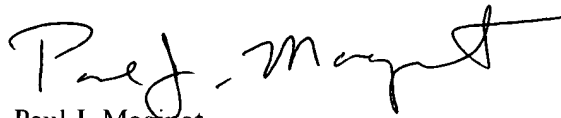
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The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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